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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

William A Rivera

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 is vague and indefinite. On line 7, the phrase “in or near its rotational axis” set forth non-equivalent alternatives. On line 10, the phrase “at least one of the frame is rotatably mounted in a bearing” is inaccurate and/or misdescriptive because it implies that the frame is inside the bearing. It appears that the frame is mounted on the bearing. Further, how is the material dispensed if the frame or cover rotate on the bearing?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harris et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,501,415).

With respect to Claim 1, Harris et al, Figures 1-12, teach a dispenser comprising a frame 54, a cover 12 connectable to the frame 54, to together with the frame define a volume for storing a roll of web material 14 from which web material 29 can be dispensed, a frame roll support projection 42, and a cover roll support projection 42, the two roll support projections being arranged to enable rotatably engaging the roll of web material in or near its rotational axis,

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an outlet opening 30 in the dispenser, to enable web material to be withdrawn from the dispenser, and wherein at least one of the frame projections is rotatably mounted in a bearing 48,50.

Claims 1-5 and 8-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tramontina (U.S. Patent No. 6,502,781).

With respect to Claims 1-5 and 8-14, Tramontina, Figures 1-18, teach a dispenser comprising a frame 21, a cover 21 connectable to the frame, to together with the frame define a volume for storing a roll of web material 26 from which web material 25 can be dispensed, a frame roll support projection 50, and a cover roll support projection 55, the two roll support projections being arranged to enable rotatably engaging the roll of web material in or near its rotational axis, an outlet opening in the dispenser, to enable web material to be withdrawn from the dispenser, and wherein at least one of the frame projections is rotatably mounted in a bearing 51,52.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tramontina as applied to claims 1-5 and 8-14 above.

With respect to Claims 6 and 7, Tramontina is advanced above. Tramontina teaches all the elements of the dispenser except for the dimensions of the support projections. However, it would have been an obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, as determined through routine

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experimentation and optimization, to dimension the roll supports of Tramontina as specified in Claims 6 and 7, lines 2-3 because one of ordinary skill would have been expected to have routinely experimented to determine the optimum dimensions for a particular use. It would have further been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide such dimension because such would allow proper support for the roll.

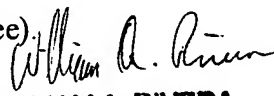
Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William A Rivera whose telephone number is 703-308-2684. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday - 7:30 to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathy Matecki can be reached on 703-308-2688. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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